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SUBJECT: 10TH SESSION, FAO COMMITTEE ON FISHERIES (COFI)

AND 4TH SESSION, INDIAN OCEAN FISHERY COMMISSION (IOFC)

1. REQUEST FODAG INQUIRE OF POPPER ADG (DEPARTMENT OF FISHERIES) AS TO DATES AND LOCATIONS FOR SUBJECT MEETINGS. MOST RECENT INFORMATION FROM FAO LIAISON OFFICE HERE INDICATES DATES FOR COFI WILL BE JUNE 3-10 IN BRAZILIA. IF APPROPRIATE REQUEST FODAG INDICATE USG CONCERN THAT COFI WOULD OVERLAP ONE DAY WITH ANNUAL MEETING OF INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR NORTHWEST ATLANTIC FISHERIES (ICNAF) IN EDINBURGH JUNE 10-21. OVERLAP WOULD BE LESS UNDESIRABLE IF COFI MEETING WERE IN ROME. USG FEELS OVERLAP PLUS LOCATION WOULD RESULT IN LOW LEVEL PARTICIPATION IN COFI BY MANY KEY FISHING COUNTRIES WHICH ARE ALSO ICNAF MEMBERS.

2. FYI. FORMAL INVITATIONS WERE EXPECTED FROM BOTH KENYA AND AUSTRALIA FOR 4TH SESSION, IOFC WHICH EXPECTED TO MEET IN JUNE 1975. KENYA WAS INFORMALLY PROPOSING MOMBASA IN EARLY JUNE DURING MEETINGS EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF IOFC IN OCTOBER. KISSINGER

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